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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLORS OF THE WHITWORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Madam Chairman, and Gentlemen,

In accordance with my statutory duty as your Medical Officer of Health, I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year, 1968.

The contents of this report have been compiled in accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular 1/69, dated January, 1969.

Clearance of houses unfit for human habitation is one of the chief public health problems in the district and will be for some years yet. During 1968, sixty-four unfit houses were cleared following action under the Housing Act, 1957, and eight unfit dwellings were closed. Official representations were submitted in respect of two areas comprising fifteen houses, all of which were declared Clearance Areas by the Council and subsequently confirmed by the Ministry.

Seventeen discretionary Grants, totalling £3,898, and twenty-two Standard Grants were approved during the year.

I am, Madam Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. NELSON PICKLES,

Medical Officer of Health.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births : 167 births (88 males and 79 females) were registered this year; a crude birth rate of 21.9 per thousand of the population. The corrected birth rate, i.e. that rate which would be arrived at if the age and sex constitution of the population of the district was in the same proportion as the rest of England and Wales, is 22.1.

23 births were illegitimate, 6 more than the previous year, and 1 more than 1966.

There were 2 still births, which gives a still birth rate of 12 per 1,000 total births.

The Registrar-General's area comparability factor for the adjustment of the birth rate is 1.01.

Deaths : 91 deaths were registered, of which 41 were males and 50 females.

The crude death rate is 11.9 and the adjusted rate is 13.7 per thousand estimated population. (Registrar-General's comparability factor is 1.15).

Maternal Mortality : It is very gratifying to report once again, that there has been no maternal death in the district.

General Provision of Health Services in the Area : These services are administered by the County Council through No. 13 Divisional Health Committee, on which this Council is represented. Up-to-date details are given in tables I and II of Clinic sessions and Divisional Health Staff serving the Urban District.

Table I

CLINIC SESSIONS HELD AT THE SCHOOL CLINIC, BREN-BAR CRESCENT, WHITWORTH

Minor Ailments	Tuesdays, 9 a.m.—10 a.m. Thursdays, 9-30 a.m.—12 noon.
Child Welfare	Thursdays, 1-30 p.m.—4 p.m.
Immunisation and Vaccination	3rd Wednesday in every month, 2 p.m.
Ante-natal Session (Midwives only)	Mondays, 2 p.m.—4 p.m. (Doctor attends on first Monday in month.)
Chiropody	Wednesdays, 1-30 p.m.—4 p.m. Tuesdays, 1 p.m.—4 p.m. Wednesdays, 1 p.m. — 4 p.m. Fridays, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Table II

DIVISIONAL HEALTH STAFF — WHITWORTH AREA

Asst. Div. Medical Officer & School Medical Officer	Dr. M. Boldus, School Clinic, Bren-bar Cres., Whitworth. Tel. Whitworth 3581.
Health Visitors & School Nurses	Miss E. B. Ferguson and Miss N. Thornton, School Clinic, Bren-bar Cres., Whitworth. Tel. Whitworth 3581.
Tuberculosis Health Visitor	Mrs. M. E. Schofield, The Clinic, Irwell Street, Bacup. Tel. Whitworth 2531.
District Nurses	Mrs. T. R. Hay, 23 Knowsley Cres., Shawforth. Tel. Whitworth 2255. Mrs. C. Bridge, 2 Bren-bar Cres., Whitworth. Tel. Whitworth 2577.
Domiciliary Midwives	Mrs. O. Ashworth, 63 Wallbank Drive, Whitworth. Tel. Whitworth 2531. Mrs. L. Dungworth, 38 Eastgate. Tel. Whitworth 2518.

Divisional Welfare Organiser	Mr. J. H. Todd, Divisional Health Office. 193 Drake Street, Rochdale. Tel. Rochdale 48231.
Home Help Organiser	Mrs. Howarth, Divisional Health Offices, 193 Drake Street, Rochdale. Tel. Rochdale 48231.
Dental	Mr. Greenhalgh, Tuesdays, 10 a.m.—12 noon. Mr. Jones, Wednesdays, 10 a.m.—12 noon. Wednesdays, 2 p.m.—4 p.m.
Mental Health Worker	Miss J. R. Lambert, Divisional Health Offices, Rochdale. Tel. Rochdale 48231.
Mental Welfare Officer	Mr. E. B. Williams, Divisional Health Offices, Rochdale. Tel. Rochdale 48231 (outside office hours, Tel. Oldham MAIn 5488).
Ambulance Station, Bacup	Station Officer S. C. Kay, Commercial Street, Stacksteads. Tel. Accrington 34834.

APPENDIX
STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS
Summary of Statistics : 1968

Area (Acres)			4483
Population (Census 1951)			7442
Population (Census 1961)			7050
Population (estimated mid-1968)			7630
Number of inhabited houses (1968)			2904
Rateable Value			£174,243
Sum represented by a penny rate			£645
Live Births :	Male	Female	Total
Illegitimate	12	11	23
Legitimate	76	68	144
Total	88	79	167
Birth-rate per 1,000 estimated population			22.1
Illegitimate Live Births per cent. of total live births			13.8
Still Births—Number			2
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births			12
Total Live and Still Births			169
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)			9
Infant Mortality Rate :			
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births			54
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births			62.5
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births			0.0
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)			24
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1.000 total live births)			18
Peri-natal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)			30
Maternal Mortality (including abortion) :			
Number of deaths			Nil
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births			Nil
	Male	Female	Total
Deaths	41	50	91
Death rate per 1.000 estimated population			13.7
Deaths from Certain Specified Diseases :			
Diseases of Circulatory System			40
Cancer (all forms)			17
Tuberculosis			1
Bronchitis			2

INFANT MORTALITY

Year	No of Deaths	Infant Motality, Rate per 1,000 live births	Quinquennial Rate Year	Rate
1968	9	54.0	64-68	32.3
1967	1	6.0	63-67	29.5
1966	9	60.8	62-66	35.3
1965	3	20.5	61-65	30.9
1964	8	20.4	60-64	34.1
1963	6	40.0	59-63	32.6
1962	6	34.9	58-62	33.6
1961	5	38.8	57-61	29.9
1960	5	36.5	56-60	23.7
1959	2	13	55-59	24
1958	5	45	54-58	35
1957	2	16	53-57	31
1956	1	8	52-56	34
1955	5	38	51-55	38
1954	9	69	50-54	40
1953	3	25	49-53	35
1952	4	31	48-52	37
1951	3	27	47-51	38
1950	6	48	46-50	43
1949	5	42	45-49	43
1948	5	35	44-48	48
1947	6	40	43-47	61
1946	7	50	42-46	72
1945	6	50	41-45	75
1944	7	63	40-44	83
1943	13	103	39-43	85
1942	10	94	38-42	82
1941	7	64	37-41	76
1940	9	90	36-40	92
1939	6	76	35-39	90
1938	7	86	34-38	84
1937	4	65		
1936	13	149		

CAUSES OF DEATH

	1966	1967	1968
ALL CAUSES	102	87	91
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	1	—	1
Tuberculosis, Other	—	—	—
Mental Disorders	—	—	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc.	—	—	1
Whooping Cough	—	—	—
Meningococcal Infections	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—
Measles	—	—	—
Other Infections and Parisitic Diseases	1	—	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	3	4	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	—	5	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	1	3	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	—	—	1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	8	6	12
Anaemias	—	—	1
Diabetes	—	—	1
Other Endocrine, etc., Diseases	—	—	1
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	15	8	—
Coronary Disease, Angina	30	16	18
Hypertension with Heart Disease	3	3	2
Other Heart Disease	13	9	8
Other Circulatory Disease	1	4	16
Influenza	1	—	—
Pneumonia	8	2	7
Bronchitis	3	9	2
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	2	1
Ulcers of Stomach and Duodenum	—	2	—
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	—	1	—
Other Diseases of Genito-Urinary System	—	—	1
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	—	—	1
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	—	—	1
Other Causes of Peri-natal Mortality	—	—	2
Congenital Malformations	—	1	1
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	8	3	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	—	1
All Other Accidents	4	5	3
Suicide	—	4	—
Homicide and Operations of War	—	—	—

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis)

During the Year 1968

DISEASE	Total Cases at all Ages	CASES NOTIFIED — Age Period—Years										
		0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-		25 and over	Age un-kn'n
Scarlet Fever	—		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis :												
Paralytic	—		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Non-Paralytic	—		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles (excluding Rubella)	32		3	4	4	3	5	13	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria	—		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	73		3	3	8	5	4	14	7	2	18	9
Meningococcal Infection	—		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hepititis	10		—	—	2	4	1	1	—	—	2	—

		0-	5-	15-	45-	65 and over	Age un-kn'n
Acute Pneumonia (prim and infl'zal)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Encephalitis :							
Infective	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Post-infectious	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Enteric or Typhoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fevers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meninges and C.N.S.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Notifiable Diseases (specify)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	115	—	—	—	—	—	—

INFECTIOUS DISEASES — Comparison 1957—1968

DISEASE	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	2	2	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Enteric Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	32	105	174	75	38	142	20	140	58	74	21	52
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	8	17	—	43	2
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Dysentery	73	—	—	—	2	—	4	—	—	—	16	—
Meningococcal Infection	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Gastro Enteritis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other (Hepititis)	10	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	115	105	176	75	40	147	26	149	78	79	82	55

INFECTIOUS DISEASES — Monthly Incidence, 1968

DISEASE	Total	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	32	—	—	—	17	7	5	—	—	1	2	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pueperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningococcal Infection	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chickenpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	73	—	—	—	—	41	21	—	1	—	10	—	—
Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hepititis	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	3	—	—	3
Totals	115	—	—	—	17	48	26	4	1	4	12	—	3

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality during 1968

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 5 years ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—14 ,, ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—24 ,, ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—44 ,, ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—64 ,, ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Age unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
	0		0		1		0	
	0				1			
Total 1967	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0		0		0		0	

Comparison, 1960—1968

Year	New Cases		Deaths	
	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory
1960	3	—	—	—
1961	3	—	3	—
1962	3	—	1	—
1963	2	—	—	—
1964	3	—	—	—
1965	—	—	1	—
1966	2	1	1	—
1967	—	—	—	—
1968	—	—	1	—

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council of Whitworth.

Madam Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you my sixth Annual Report which covers the year ending 31st December, 1968.

In 1968 the Council maintained the progress it has made in the last few years in the improvement of housing standards in the district. 72 new dwellings were completed in the year, but for the first time, in post war years at least, development in the private sector was greater than that in the public sector, in fact double, 48 to 24.

This year saw a start made on the Council's second Housing Improvement Scheme, this time in the conversion and modernisation of 36 back-to-back dwellings at Dolph Cottages, Shawforth.

There was again a reduction in the number of people taking advantage of improving their dwellings by means of grants from the Council. This is most disappointing after the lead given by the Council and it is hoped that this will only be a temporary lull.

Sixty-four unfit dwellings were demolished during the year and the sites have been, or are, to be landscaped. The policy of the Council in acquiring the sites of unfit dwellings in order to either re-develop or land-

scape them, is gradually improving the environment of the district.

I wish to express my thanks for the ever-ready assistance given to me by your other officials, my deputy and members of my staff and for the support and encouragement received from the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee.

A. DEWHURST,
Engineer, Surveyor and
Senior Public Health Inspector

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

14 Informal Notices and 1 Statutory Notice for the abatement of nuisances and the remedy of sanitary defects in and around dwellings were served on owners and occupiers.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS

Infectious Diseases	57
Number of premises visited	8
Housing—inspection—change of tenancy	28
Housing—Housing Act	56
Housing—Public Health Act	71
Housing—Clearance	83
Housing—Improvement Grants	145
Council Houses	33
Visits re. Shops Act	27
Refuse Tip	9
Sewage Works	31
Rodent Control	24
Public Conveniences	81
Meat Inspection	41
Smoke Nuisance	57
Drain Tests	77
Interviews	51
Miscellaneous	28
Animal Boarding Establishments	2
Factories	5
Number of Inspections made	914

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

A. Sanitary Inspection of the Area
Water Supply

The water supply in the area is mainly satisfactory. The Public supply is provided by the West Pennine Water Board, and the majority of the houses have a supply of water that is wholly sufficient and good in quality.

The water is collected from upland surface gathering grounds and afterwards treated by modern methods of filtration and chlorination.

The number of dwelling houses supplied from public mains is 2,697 and 73 houses have supplies drawn from private sources.

Public Cleansing

Household refuse is collected on a weekly basis from all the houses in the area and approximately 3,226 dustbins are emptied 160 dustbins were replaced during the year under the Council's scheme.

The refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping methods for land reclamation purposes at Landgate. The previous site at Springside is to be a future playing field.

The weekly collection and disposal of refuse has been satisfactorily maintained throughout the year, although with the coming into occupation of new houses set well back from the highway, with the longer carry of dustbins to the kerb the collection staff are working at full pressure. The paper sack has been introduced at new houses in place of the dustbin as an aid to speeding collection and as a means of offsetting this longer carry.

Details of the cost of collection and disposal of household refuse are as follows (including provision of new dustbins and the collection of night-soil) :

	1968	1967
Loads removed	930	920
Cost per load	£11/13/1	£11/0/2
Refuse in tons (estimated)	4480	4410
Cost per ton	£2/8/4	£2/5/5
Number of houses and premises	3226	3226
Cost per house and premises per annum ...	£3/7/2	£3/2/9
Total net cost of collection	£10838	£10129

Owing to increasing costs all round, refuse costs have gone up generally.

Sanitary Accommodation

The sanitary accommodation of the area is as follows :

Fresh Water Closets	2797
Waste Water Closets	107
Pail Closets	32
No. of houses on the Water Carriage System	2904

The Pail Closets existing are situated at the following premises :

Dwelling Houses	16
Mills and Workshops	1
Farms	15

With very few exceptions they cannot be converted to the fresh water carriage system, in view of the fact that they are situated in outlying parts where no sewer is available.

Although the Council encourage the conversion of waste water closets to the fresh water carriage system, progress is slow and there is no authority for compulsory conversion.

Referring to the sanitary accommodation generally, there are still many blocks of houses where the occupiers of the dwellings have to walk distances of 20

or 30 yards down the street to the sanitary accommodation, this being jointly used by two or more families. Unfortunately, this state of affairs cannot be quickly improved at the present as most of the houses concerned are of a type which will be subject to demolition or re-conditioning within the next few years.

Atmospheric Pollution

All the boiler plants at factories are operating satisfactorily and a noticeable improvement can be seen as a result of conversions to oil firing carried out in the last few years.

The Council has taken no action to date in the declaration of smoke control areas affecting residential property.

Rodent Control

A trained rodent operative is employed on a part-time basis for dealing with these treatments, and a charge is made for work when engaged on industrial and farm premises.

	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
Number of properties in district	3676	33
Number of Properties Inspected	75	20
Total Inspections (inc. re-Inspections)	741	10
Number of Properties found infested by :		
Rats	39	10
Mice—Major	—	—
Minor	2	—
Number of Infested Properties treated	41	10

B. Housing

Once again I am able to report satisfactory progress in the field of housing. 24 dwellings were completed by the Council making a post-war total of 680, whilst in the private sector almost a quarter of the post-war total (48 out of 206) were completed in 1968.

Clearance Areas Nos. 27 and 28 were declared by the Council followed by Compulsory Purchase Orders, which were later confirmed by the Ministry. The two areas comprised 15 dwellings.

HOUSING STATISTICS

(a) **Number of New Houses Erected During the Year.**

		Houses	Flats
1.	By the Local Authority	20	4
2.	By Other Local Authorities	Nil	Nil
3.	By Other Bodies or Persons	48	Nil

(b) **Unfit Dwelling Houses.**

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year.
   - (1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 151
   - (b) Number of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose 288
   - (2) Dwelling houses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit :
     - (a) Number found during year 19
     - (b) Number (or estimated number) at end of year 87
   - (3) Number of dwelling houses found during the year to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit 41
2. Houses Demolished.
   in clearance areas :
   - (1) Houses unfit for human habitation 64
   - (2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc. Nil
   - (3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2), Housing Act 1957 ..... Nil

   Not in clearance areas :
   - (4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1), Housing Act 1937 ..... Nil
   - (5) Local Authority owned houses ..... Nil
3. Unfit Houses Closed.
   - (1) Under Section 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1), Housing Act, 1957 8
   - (2) Under Section 17(3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957 ... Nil
   - (3) Parts of building closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957 ..... Nil

4. Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied.

	By Owner	By L.A.
(1) After information action by Local Authority	35	—
(2) After formal notice under :		
(a) Public Health Acts	—	—
(b) Housing Act, 1957	—	—
(3) Under Section 24, 9 and 16, Housing Act, 1957	—	—

5. Unfit houses in temporary use (Housing Act, 1957). Position at end of year :

(1) Retained for temporary accommodation :	
(a) Under Section 48	Nil
(b) Under Section 17(2) ...../.....	Nil
(c) Under Section 46	Nil
(2) Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 53	Nil

6 Pu:chase of houses by agreement.
Houses in clearance areas other than those included in confirmed clearance orders or compulsory purchase orders, purchased during the year ..... Nil

7. Housing Act, 1949, and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958—Improvement Grants, etc.
Action during year :

	Private bodies or individuals		Local Authority	
	No. of schemes	No. of dwell. houses or other bldgs. affected	No. of schemes	No. of dwell. houses or other bldgs. affected
(a) Submitted by private individuals to local authority	17	17	—	—
(b) Approved by local authority	17	17	—	—
(c) Submitted by local authority to Ministry	—	—	1	18
(d) Finally approved by Ministry	—	—	1	18
(e) Work completed	10	10	—	—
(f) Additional Separate dwellings included in (d) above	—	—	—	—

(g) Any other action taken under the Act ..... Nil

8. House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959—Standard Grants.
Action during year :

	No. of dwellings or other buildings affected
(a) Applications submitted to local authority	22
Applications approved by local authority	22
Work completed	14

C. Meat and Food Inspection

Slaughterhouses Act, 1954.

Food and Drugs Act, 1957.

During the year all the animals slaughtered in the district have been examined. Particulars of carcases inspected and amounts condemned are shown below.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excl. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	50	24	1	180	29	—
Number inspected	50	24	1	180	29	—
All diseases except tuberculosis and cysticerci :						
Whole carcase condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned	3	1	—	2	—	—
Percentage of number inspected	2.9	9.0	—	0.9	—	—
Tuberculosis only :						
Whole carcase condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cysticerosis :						
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcase submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

WEIGHT OF CARCASES AND ORGANS FOUND TO BE UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

All diseases except tuberculosis	126 lbs.
Tuberculosis only	Nil
Total	126 lbs.

Slaughterhouses

There is only one private slaughterhouse licensed in the district and regular inspections are carried out. The premises which have recently been re-modelled and brought up to modern standards, are maintained and conducted in a satisfactory manner.

The majority of the animals slaughtered in the district are for consumption in the district.

There is no public abattoir in the district.

Slaughtermen's Licences

During the year 4 persons were licensed as slaughtermen

Food and Drugs Acts, 1955—Section 16

22 routine visits were made during the year to the 28 premises in the district registered for the sale of ice-cream. 9 inspections were made of premises registered for the manufacture of sausage and cooked meats.

Food and Drugs Acts, 1955—Sampling

The provision of the above Acts, so far as they relate to the sampling of food for nature, substance and quality are administered by the Lancashire County Council in co-operation with the Local Authority.

Food Inspection

Visits were made during the year to inspect foodstuffs at various premises and condemnation certificates were issued for the following :

Poultry (chickens)	22 lbs.
Canned Meats	12 lbs.
Canned Vegetables	10 lbs.

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT—1—INSPECTION OF FACTORIES

Including Inspections made by Public Health Inspector

Premises (1)	Number of Inspections (2)	Written Notices (3)	Occupiers Prosecuted (4)
Section I: Factories in which Sections I, II, III, IV and VI are to be enforced by Local Authorities	—	—	—
Section II: Factories not included in (I) in which Section VII is enforced by the Local Authority	16	2	—
Section III: Other premises in which Section VII is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	12	—	—
Total	28	2	—

2—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars (1)	Number of defects Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred by H.M. Inspector (4)	Number of offences in respect of which prosecutions were instituted (5)
Want of cleanliness	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Accommodation:				
Insufficient	—	—	—	—
Unsuitable or defective ...	2	1	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	—	—	—	—
Want of cleanliness	—	—	—	—
Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act	—	—	—	—
Total	2	1	—	—

PART VIII OF THE ACT—OUTWORKERS: Nil

Sewage Works

During 1968 the sewage disposal works generally managed to produce a fairly satisfactory effluent although operating under difficulty. One of the difficulties is the drying and disposal of sludge. Two old settling tanks were converted into sludge drying beds in an effort to improve the position.

This is one local authority service which does not generally catch the public eye, but is one which must function to a high standard of efficiency if our rivers are to attain a standard of purity which we would all wish to see. This can only be attained by full and close collaboration between the local authority, river authority and industrialists who now discharge effluent into the rivers and streams.